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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

LEE ET AL.

Examiner

Quang T. Van

Art Unit

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Period for Reply -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 October 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 15-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 15-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 April 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-06)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Withdrawing Allowable Subject Matter

1. The indicated allowability of claims 1-10 and 17-19 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Lee et al (US 6,909,078). The Examiner regrets for any inconveniences. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lee et al (US 6,909,078). Lee discloses a cooking assembly in microwave oven comprising a cavity (20) in which food is loaded; and an upper duct (600) having a main body mounted in the cavity (20), a duct fixing member (645) formed on a side of the main body and fixed on a wall of the cavity (20), and an inclined portion (620) extending from an end of the main body and inclined at a predetermined angle (Figures 10A-B).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 11-13 and 15-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al (US 6,909,078) in view of McCammon et al (US 4,556,772). Lee discloses substantially all features of the claimed invention except an air curtain forming device that prevents steam generated in the course of heating the food from contacting the door, wherein the air curtain forming device comprises an air-guide hole through which air is directed into the cavity and an air-guide formed around the air-guide hole and extending downward, and wherein the air-guide is inclined rearward of the cavity. McCammon discloses an air curtain forming device (44, Figure 6) that prevents steam generated in the course of heating the food from contacting the door (abstract), wherein the air curtain forming device comprises an air-guide hole (196, 198) through which air is directed into the cavity and an air-guide (194) formed around the air-guide hole and extending downward, and wherein the air-guide (194, Figures 6 and 10) is inclined rearward of the cavity. It would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize in Lee an air curtain forming device that prevents steam generated in the course of heating the food from contacting the door, wherein the air curtain forming device comprises an air-guide hole through which air is directed into the cavity and an air-guide formed around the air-guide hole and extending downward, and wherein the air-guide is inclined rearward of the cavity as taught by McCammon in order to prevent the moisture attaching the door.

Response to Amendment

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10, 11-13 and 15-19 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quang T. Van whose telephone number is 571-272-4789. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00Am 5:00Pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tu Hoang can be reached on 571-272-4780. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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